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11 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
12 FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

13 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

14 Plaintiff,

15 v.

16 DAVIS HENDERSON TATSHAMA,  
17 SR.,

18 Defendant.

Case No. 2:20-CR-00064

Rule 11(c)(1)(C)  
Plea Agreement

19 Plaintiff, United States of America, by and through William D. Hyslop, United  
20 States Attorney for the Eastern District of Washington, and Richard R. Barker,  
21 Assistant United States Attorney and Michael Vander Geissen, Special Assistant  
22 United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Washington, and Defendant DAVIS  
23 HENDERSON TATSHAMA, SR., and Defendant's counsel, J. Stephen Roberts, Jr.,  
24 agree to the following Plea Agreement pursuant to Federal Rule of Criminal  
25 Procedure 11(c)(1)(C):

26 1) Guilty Plea and Maximum Statutory Penalties:

27 Defendant, DAVIS HENDERSON TATSHAMA, SR. (hereinafter Defendant),  
28 by and through this Plea Agreement and pursuant to CARES Act § 15002(b)(2), Pub.  
L. No. 116-136 (H.R. 748) (eff. March 27, 2020), and General Order No. 20-101-3

1 (E.D. Wa. Mar. 30, 2020), expressly waives his right to be physically present, *see* Fed.  
2 R. Crim. P. 43(a), and consents to appear by video teleconferencing and agrees to  
3 plead guilty to Count 2 in the Second Superseding Indictment dated November 3,  
4 2020, charging Defendant with Threats in Interstate Commerce in violation of 18  
5 U.S.C. § 875(c). Defendant understands that this is a Class D Felony, which carries a  
6 maximum penalty of not more than a 5-year term of imprisonment; a fine not to  
7 exceed \$250,000; not more than a 3-year term of supervised release; restitution; and a  
8 \$100 special penalty assessment.

9 Defendant understands that a violation of a condition of supervised release  
10 carries an additional penalty of re-imprisonment for all or part of the term of  
11 supervised release without credit for time previously served on post-release  
12 supervision.

13 2) The Court is Not a Party to the Agreement:

14 The Court is not a party to this Plea Agreement and may accept or reject this  
15 Plea Agreement. Sentencing is a matter that is solely within the discretion of the  
16 Court. Defendant understands that the Court is under no obligation to accept any  
17 recommendations made by the United States and/or by Defendant; that the Court will  
18 obtain an independent report and sentencing recommendation from the U.S. Probation  
19 Office; and that the Court may, in its discretion, impose any sentence it deems  
20 appropriate up to the statutory maximums stated in this Plea Agreement. Defendant  
21 acknowledges that no promises of any type have been made to Defendant with respect  
22 to the sentence the Court will impose in this matter. Defendant understands that the  
23 Court is required to consider the applicable sentencing guideline range, but may  
24 depart upward or downward under the appropriate circumstances.

25 The Defendant also understands that this is a Plea Agreement pursuant to Fed.  
26 R. Crim. P. 11(c)(1)(C) and that the United States may withdraw from this Plea  
27 Agreement if the Court imposes a lesser sentence than agreed upon. The Defendant  
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1 further understands that the Defendant will have the option to withdraw from this Plea  
2 Agreement if the Court imposes a sentence harsher than agreed upon.

3 3) Waiver of Constitutional Rights:

4 Defendant understands that by entering this plea of guilty Defendant is  
5 knowingly and voluntarily waiving certain constitutional rights, including:

- 6 a) The right to a jury trial;
- 7 b) The right to see, hear and question the witnesses;
- 8 c) The right to remain silent at trial;
- 9 d) The right to testify at trial; and
- 10 e) The right to compel witnesses to testify.

11 While Defendant is waiving certain constitutional rights, Defendant understands  
12 the retains the right to be assisted through the sentencing and any direct appeal of the  
13 conviction and sentence by an attorney, who will be appointed at no cost if Defendant  
14 cannot afford to hire an attorney. Defendant also acknowledges that any pretrial  
15 motions currently pending before the Court are waived.

16 4) Elements of the Offense:

17 The United States and Defendant agree that in order to convict Defendant of  
18 Threats in Interstate Commerce in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 875(c), the United States  
19 would have to prove beyond a reasonable doubt the following elements:

20 *First*, on or about January 16, 2020, in the Eastern District of Washington, the  
21 defendant knowingly transmitted a communication in interstate containing a  
22 threat to injure J.R.A.

23 *Second*, the communication was transmitted for purpose of issuing a threat, or  
24 with knowledge that the communication would be viewed as a threat.

25 *See Ninth Circuit Model Jury Instructions 8.47B*

26 5) Factual Basis and Statement of Facts:

27 The United States and Defendant stipulate and agree that the following facts are  
28 accurate; that the United States could prove these facts beyond a reasonable doubt at

1 trial; and these facts constitute an adequate factual basis for Defendant's guilty plea.  
2 This statement of facts does not preclude either party from presenting and arguing, for  
3 sentencing purposes, additional facts which are relevant to the guideline computation  
4 or sentencing, unless otherwise prohibited in this agreement.

5 On September 18, 2019, the Colville Tribes charged TATSHAMA with  
6 domestic violence battery in Colville Tribal Court case number CR-2019-42189.  
7 TATSHAMA appeared before the tribal court for arraignment the same day.  
8 Approximately one month later, on October 16, 2019, the Tribes charged  
9 TATSHAMA with domestic violence strangulation and battery in case number is CR-  
10 2019-42213. TATSHAMA appeared before the tribal court for arraignment on  
11 October 28, 2019. The tribal court set the first case for a jury trial on December 13,  
12 2019, and set the second case for a jury trial on January 9, 2020, with a pretrial  
13 readiness hearing on January 6, 2020. J.R.A., who was a dating partner of Defendant  
14 at the time of the tribal court charges, was the victim in both tribal court cases.  
15 Defendant ultimately pled guilty in both tribal court matters on May 28, 2020.  
16 Defendant and J.R.A. also share two children in common, and have been in a dating  
17 relationship for approximately 12 years.

18 On January 16, 2020, over the course of approximately 11 hours, Defendant  
19 sent a number of messages to J.R.A. via Facebook Messenger, which is an electronic  
20 communication system of interstate commerce. In these messages, which J.R.A.  
21 provided to tribal law enforcement, Defendant sent a series of threatening  
22 communications to J.R.A. reflecting an intent to intimidate and/or harass J.R.A.  
23 These messages included the following:

- 24 • Yeah, don't come back unless you got backup
- 25 • You must not know me. I could be the motherf\*\*\*\*\*g devil
- 26 • Yeah, come back and see
- 27 • Don't come back.
- 28 • Better stay away from me.

- 1 • I'm gonna f\*\*\* you up . . . Better not come back b\*\*\*\*.
- 2 • I'll f\*\*\* you up.
- 3 • You're gonna find out really quick what happens with you f\*\*\* with me
- 4 • Don't come back or I'll f\*\*\* you up. Stay gone
- 5 • I'll f\*\*\*\*\*g kill you
- 6 • Don't come back ever
- 7 • Better stay gone b\*\*\*\* forever. Don't come back.
- 8 • I'll kill you.
- 9 • Think I care about jail or prison. I'll go there twice just to let you know
- 10 what happens when you f\*\*\* with me.
- 11 • What you at Nina's house I think I'll drive by.
- 12 • You come back today or the [] next day I'll still f\*\*\* you you (sic) better
- 13 bring a weapon or someone to back you up because I'm gonna f\*\*\* you up.

14 Based on these messages, J.R.A. stated to tribal law enforcement that she was  
15 scared for her safety. J.R.A.'s fear was based, at least in part, on Defendant's past  
16 history of assaulting J.R.A.

17 Defendant admitted to sending the threatening message to J.R.A. in a tribal  
18 court proceedings, a handwritten letter, and in additional Facebook communications  
19 with a third party. In these additional Facebook communications, Defendant indicated  
20 that he threatened to "kick [J.R.A.'s] ass" and expressed concern that he might be  
21 going to prison.

22 6) The United States Agrees:

23 The United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Washington  
24 agrees to dismiss Count 1 of the Second Superseding Indictment charging Defendant  
25 with Cyberstalking in violation of 18 U.S.C. 2261A(2)(B), 2261(b)(5) at the time of  
26 sentencing. The United States further agrees not to bring any additional charges  
27 against Defendant based upon information in its possession at the time of this Plea  
28 Agreement and arising out of Defendant's conduct involving illegal activity charged

1 in the Second Superseding Indictment, unless Defendant breaches this Plea  
2 Agreement any time before or after sentencing.

3 7) United States Sentencing Guideline Calculations:

4 Defendant understands and acknowledges that the United States Sentencing  
5 Guidelines (“U.S.S.G.”) are applicable to this case and that the Court will determine  
6 Defendant’s applicable sentencing guideline range at the time of sentencing.

7 a) Base Offense Level:

8 The United States and Defendant believe that the base offense level for Threats  
9 in Interstate Commerce in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 875(c) is 12. *See* U.S.S.G. § 2A6.1

10 b) Specific Offense Characteristics:

11 The United States and Defendant agree to the following specific offense  
12 characteristics:

13 The parties agree that a two-point upward adjustment applies for sending two or  
14 more threatening communications. *See* U.S.S.G. § 2A6.1(b)(2). The parties also  
15 agree that Defendant was not subject to a protective order at the time of the offense  
16 and that there would be no upward adjustment pursuant to U.S.S.G. § 2A6.1(b)(3).

17 The parties have not reached an agreement whether the offense involved  
18 conduct evidencing an intent to carry out such threat, which results in a 6-point  
19 upward adjustment pursuant to U.S.S.G. § 2A6.1(b)(1). The United States is free to  
20 argue for this upward adjustment at sentencing.

21 The parties are free at sentencing to argue for or against any additional upward  
22 or downward adjustments identified by the Presentence Investigation Report writer.

23 c) Acceptance of Responsibility:

24 If the adjusted offense level is less than 16 and Defendant pleads guilty and  
25 demonstrates a recognition and an affirmative acceptance of personal responsibility  
26 for the criminal conduct; provides complete and accurate information during the  
27 sentencing process; does not commit any obstructive conduct; accepts this Plea  
28 Agreement; and enters a plea of guilty, the United States will move for a two (2) level

1 downward adjustment in the offense level for Defendant's timely acceptance of  
2 responsibility, pursuant to U.S.S.G. §3E1.1(a).

3 If the adjusted offense level is 16 or greater and Defendant pleads guilty and  
4 demonstrates a recognition and an affirmative acceptance of personal responsibility  
5 for the criminal conduct; provides complete and accurate information during the  
6 sentencing process; does not commit any obstructive conduct; accepts this Plea  
7 Agreement; the United States will move for a three (3) level downward adjustment in  
8 the offense level for Defendant's timely acceptance of responsibility, pursuant to  
9 U.S.S.G. §3E1.1(a) and (b).

10 Defendant and the United States agree that the United States may at its option  
11 and upon written notice to Defendant, not recommend a two (2) or three (3) level  
12 downward reduction for acceptance of responsibility if, prior to the imposition of  
13 sentence, Defendant is charged or convicted of any criminal offense whatsoever or if  
14 Defendant tests positive for any controlled substance.

15 d) Criminal History:

16 The United States and Defendant understand that Defendant's criminal history  
17 computation is tentative and that ultimately Defendant's criminal history category will  
18 be determined by the Court after review of the Presentence Investigative Report. The  
19 United States and Defendant have made no agreement and make no representations as  
20 to the criminal history category, which shall be determined after the Presentence  
21 Investigative Report is completed.

22 8) Incarceration:

23 The parties agree pursuant to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 11(c)(1)(C) to  
24 recommend a sentencing range of 20 – 27 months.

25 9) Criminal Fine:

26 The parties agree to recommend the Court impose no criminal fine.

27 10) Supervised Release:

1 The United States and Defendant agree pursuant to Federal Rule of Criminal  
2 Procedure 11(c)(1)(C) to a three-year term of supervised release to include any special  
3 conditions as determined by probation:

4 11) Restitution:

5 The parties agree restitution is required. *See* 18 U.S.C. §§ 3663A, and 3664.  
6 Further, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3663(a)(3), the Defendant voluntarily agrees to pay  
7 the agreed upon restitution amount for all losses to all victims caused by the  
8 Defendant's course of conduct in exchange for the United States not bringing  
9 additional potential charges, regardless of whether counts of the Indictment dealing  
10 with such losses were resolved in connection with Defendant's state case.

11 (a) Restitution Amount and Interest

12 The parties hereby stipulate and agree that, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §§ 3663A and  
13 3664, the Court should order restitution in an amount to be determined at or before  
14 sentencing. The interest on this restitution amount, if any, should be waived.

15 (b) Payments

16 To the extent restitution is ordered, the parties agree the Court will set a  
17 restitution payment schedule based on his financial circumstances. *See* 18 U.S.C. §  
18 3664(f)(2), (3)(A). That being said, Defendant agrees to pay not less than 10% of his  
19 net monthly income towards his restitution obligation.

20 (c) Treasury Offset Program and Collection

21 Defendant understands the Treasury Offset Program collects delinquent debts  
22 owed to federal agencies. If applicable, the TOP may take part or all of Defendant's  
23 federal tax refund, federal retirement benefits, or other federal benefits and apply these  
24 monies to Defendant's restitution obligations. *See* 26 U.S.C. § 6402(d); 31 U.S.C. §  
25 3720A; 31 U.S.C. § 3716.

26 Defendant also understands the United States may, notwithstanding the Court-  
27 imposed payment schedule, pursue other avenues to ensure the restitution obligation is  
28 satisfied, including, but not limited to, garnishment of available funds, wages, or



1 assets. See 18 U.S.C. §§ 3572, 3613, and 3664(m). Nothing in this acknowledgment  
2 shall be construed to limit Defendant's ability to assert any specifically identified  
3 exemptions as provided by law, except as set forth in this Plea Agreement.

4 (d) Notifications and Waivers

5 The Defendant agrees to notify the Court and the United States of any material  
6 change in his economic circumstances (e.g., inheritances, monetary gifts, changed  
7 employment, or income increases) that might affect his ability to pay restitution. See  
8 18 U.S.C. § 3664(k). This obligation ceases when the restitution is paid-in-full.

9 The Defendant agrees to notify the United States of any address change within  
10 30 days of that change. See 18 U.S.C. § 3612(b)(1)(F). This obligation ceases when  
11 the restitution is paid-in-full.

12 Defendant acknowledges that the Court's decision regarding restitution is final,  
13 non-appealable, and not part of the Rule 11(c)(1)(C) nature of this Plea Agreement;  
14 that is, even if Defendant is unhappy with the amount of restitution ordered by the  
15 Court, that will not be a basis to withdraw his guilty plea, withdraw from this Plea  
16 Agreement, or appeal his conviction or sentence of incarceration.

17 12) Mandatory Special Penalty Assessment:

18 Defendant agrees to pay the \$100 mandatory special penalty assessment to the  
19 Clerk of Court for the Eastern District of Washington, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3013  
20 and shall provide a receipt from the Clerk to the United States as proof of this  
21 payment.

22 13) Payments While Incarcerated:

23 If Defendant lacks the financial resources to pay the monetary obligations  
24 imposed by the Court, Defendant agrees to earn the money to pay toward these  
25 obligations by participating in the Bureau of Prisons' Inmate Financial Responsibility  
26 Program.

27 14) Appeal Rights:

1 Defendant understands that he has a limited right to appeal or challenge the  
2 conviction and sentence imposed by the Court. Defendant hereby expressly waives  
3 his right to appeal his conviction and the sentence the Court imposes, with the caveat  
4 that he reserves the right to appeal the restitution order should that order impose an  
5 obligation that he pay \$3,000 or more. Defendant further expressly waives his right to  
6 file any post-conviction motion attacking his conviction and sentence, including a  
7 motion pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2255, except one based upon ineffective assistance of  
8 counsel based on information not now known by Defendant and which, in the exercise  
9 of due diligence, could not be known by Defendant by the time the Court imposes the  
10 sentence.

11 15) Pretrial Custody

12 The Defense anticipates requesting Defendant's release from custody pending  
13 sentencing upon entry of this guilty plea. The United States will agree upon entry of  
14 Defendant's guilty plea, not to oppose Defendant's release pending sentencing on  
15 conditions to be determined by the Court and Pretrial Services, including that  
16 Defendant have no contact with J.R.A.

17 16) Integration Clause:

18 United States and Defendant acknowledge that this document constitutes the  
19 entire Plea Agreement between the United States and Defendant, and no other  
20 promises, agreements, or conditions exist between the United States and Defendant  
21 concerning the resolution of the case. This Plea Agreement is binding only upon the  
22 United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Washington, and cannot  
23 bind other federal, state or local authorities. The United States and Defendant agree  
24 that this agreement cannot be modified except in a writing that is signed by the United  
25 States and Defendant.

26 Approvals and Signatures

27 Agreed and submitted on behalf of the United States Attorney's Office for the  
28 Eastern District of Washington.

1 William D. Hyslop  
2 United States Attorney

3 Richard R. Barker

4 Richard R. Barker  
5 Assistant U.S. Attorney

12/17/2020  
Date

6 Michael Vander Geissen

7 Michael Vander Geissen  
8 Special Assistant U.S. Attorney

12/17/2020  
Date

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10 I have read this Plea Agreement and have carefully reviewed and discussed  
11 every part of the agreement with my attorney. I understand and voluntarily enter into  
12 this Plea Agreement. Furthermore, I have consulted with my attorney about my  
13 rights, I understand those rights, and I am satisfied with the representation of my  
14 attorney in this case. No other promises or inducements have been made to me, other  
15 than those contained in this Plea Agreement and no one has threatened or forced me in  
16 any way to enter into this Plea Agreement. I am agreeing to plead guilty because I am  
17 guilty.

18 Davis Tatshama  
19 DAVID HENDERSON TATSHAMA, SR.  
20 Defendant

12-17-20  
Date

21 I have read the Plea Agreement and have discussed the contents of the  
22 agreement with my client. The Plea Agreement accurately and completely sets forth  
23 the entirety of the agreement between the parties. I concur in my client's decision to  
24 plead guilty as set forth in the Plea Agreement. There is no legal reason why the  
25 Court should not accept Defendant's plea of guilty.

26 J. Stephen Roberts  
27 Attorney for Defendant

12/18/2020  
Date